



**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
NEW ZEALAND LLAMA ASSOCIATION,
HELD AT KARMA LLAMAS, WAITAKERE. 26 April 2008 at 7 PM**

- PRESENT** Penny King (Chair), Anne Thompson, Uta Bleidistel, Emma Schwithal, Robyn Robinson, Julie Insley, Peter Webster, Geoff Clarke, Jenny Arscott, Jacky Middleton, Chris Angliss.
- WELCOME** The Chairman welcomed all present to the 2008 Annual General Meeting.
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APOLOGIES** Graeme Butterfield, Ann Tyler-Moore, Janette Buckingham, Syth Hoyle, Jan McLay, Fred Schwithal, Jill Allan, Mike and Lynn Richardson, Judy Chan, Lisa Marks, Raewyn McKenzie, Sandy and Bob Dawson, Caroline Dewe-Henry, Maisie Hurst, Vicky Catlow, Diane Kelly.
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MINUTES** The Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting were available for review and attendees were invited to read them.
- It was agreed that the minutes be taken as read and confirmed.**
(Emma Schwithal/Anne Thompson)
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MATTERS ARISING** **There were no matters arising.**
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CORRESPONDENCE** **Complete correspondence files were available for review.**
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TREASURER'S
REPORT** The Audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2008 were presented.
- It was formally moved that the accounts to 31 March 2008 be accepted.**
(Anne Thompson/Uta Bleidistel)

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PRESIDENT'S
REPORT**

The President reported on activities for the year which included:

- Successful workshops and gatherings
- Draft Camelid Code of Welfare distribution
- NZ Llama database development with ILR
- Increased advertising and Llama promotions

It was formally moved that the Report be adopted.

(Jenny Arscott/Emma Schwithal)

**7a
COMMITTEE
2006/2007**

Nominations had been called in accordance with the Rules and Objectives of the Association.

At the close, seven nominations for the eight positions had been received. They were:

Julie Insley
Uta Bledistel
Emma Schwithal
Anne Thompson
Peter Webster
Robyn Robinson
Penny King

Vicky Catlow, who had been nominated but whose nomination form arrived three days late due to incorrect postage, was voted onto the committee as the 8th member.

Jacky Middleton also offered her services to the committee and this was gratefully received and unanimously accepted.

It was formally moved that the nominations be confirmed.

(Julie Insley/Penny King)

**7b
EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE**

For each Executive Committee position, nominations were read and postal votes counted. A show of hands was used to record votes from those present.

It was accordingly moved that the following nominations be confirmed:

President	Julie Insley
Vice President	Penny King
Secretary	Peter Webster
Treasurer	Emma Schwithal

(Robyn Robinson/Jacky Middleton)

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VETERINARY CAMELID BRANCH

During the year we received a letter (which appeared in the Winter 07 magazine) asking what areas of interest the NZLA would like to see studied. We responded in October but there has been no subsequent communication.

Action: Julie to try to re-establish contact, if necessary by deferring payment of the annual contribution that NZLA makes to their organisation.

This is paid based on a percentage of our membership fees and will this year amount to \$513.50.

Anne Thompson raised the issue of Scabby Mouth (orf) as a good project which has live clinical cases available right now.

Skin conditions were also requiring study as there seems to be difficulty in obtaining a diagnosis in skin conditions.

Dosage rates and efficacy of common drenches and vaccinations are another area that we would like to see researched.

Julie will pass these on once contact is resumed.

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CODE OF WELFARE PROJECT

The project to develop a code of welfare for camelids is progressing well with the draft document now readily available to any interested party, as a downloadable file on the NZLA website (www.llamas.org.nz). Feedback is a vital part of the project and we ask that you have a read and submit any comments that you have.

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REGISTRY UPDATE

After months of delay, the ILR have completed their project to rewrite their software and have started to work on loading the NZ registry data into our own area of their system.

There needs to be another round of conversations to firm up the details of the services and costs including how certificates will be produced, who uploads photos and the final costs need to be confirmed as they were originally agreed around 3 years ago. The initial cost that was agreed was NZ\$600.

Emma suggested that we be prepared to spend NZ\$1000 where we originally had budgeted \$600.

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R.A.S. REPORT

Anne Thompson reported that this group meets annually and comprise of 2 reps for LAA and two, Terry and Anne, from NZLA. New classes developed by this group are already in use in some cases.

There is a current project to co-ordinate some details and terminologies to better work with the Royal Agricultural Rules.

Julie reported that Terry is willing to continue to represent NZLA on this committee.

Note: As his membership has not been renewed Terry will be contacted to confirm his intentions.

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FUTURE
MEMBERSHIP
SUBSCRIPTION

It was agreed that the subscription for the ensuing year remain the same.

There was a discussion around the addition of an associate membership for non lama-owners. It was decided that we would not add another membership type at this stage.

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AGM 2009

Robyn Robinson kindly offered to host the next AGM at Llama Lookout, in Governors Bay, Canterbury.

The date is to be confirmed but will be late April or early May 2009. Robyn to suggest a date.

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GENERAL
BUSINESS

1. Audit Fees: Treasurer advised that she has negotiated a \$250 fee for the next year's audit. This is a dramatically increased rate but still well below commercial charges.

2. Advertising budget: Emma felt that there is a need to focus on advertising and promoting llamas 'as a breed'. All members are urged to think of ways of showing what llamas can do, and how versatile they are, new promotional ideas are welcomed.

Penny proposed that the advertising budget be increased, that this increase be used to promote llamas generally and to include the purchasing of 2 sets of promotional items such as banners and signs which can be utilised by members when they are promoting llamas.

(Emma Schwithal /Anne Thompson)

CLOSURE

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.08 pm.